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Candidate's residency is challenged

The eligibility and legal residence of current State Rep. Christy Pagan have been questioned in a court filing by a Canton Township resident who claims she misrepresented her residency in campaign filing documents.

Pagan is currently the State Representative from the 21st District which includes most of Canton, the City of Belleville and most of Van Buren Township.

Kent Herbert, who has lived in Canton for more than 20 years, said that rumors of Pagan's failure to live in the district have been circulating for some time. He said the recent reports of scandals at both the state and federal levels prompted his curiosity and that during his subsequent investigation, he discovered documents revealing that Pagan, 36, and her husband, Karl Lopatin, filed for a Homestead Tax Exemption on a home in Ann Arbor, claiming that it is, in fact, their "principal residence" rather than the Canton residency she claims.

Herbert said he was sensitive to the issue as he was forced to move from his home in Westland when he took a job as the human resources director with the Ypsilanti Utilities Authority in 1998 as that company had a residency requirement.

"I had to move to Canton from Westland as a job requirement. It was only 2 ½ miles, but I had to move to satisfy the job requirements," Herbert said. "If it is a requirement that she live in the district, she should live in the district."

Pagan, now in her second term in the state legislature, was originally a Belleville resident before the family moved to Canton where she attended Plymouth-Canton schools and graduated from Salem High School before attending Western Michigan University, according to her campaign website.

"I did the research," Herbert said, "and she owns no property that I could find in this community or in the 21st district. She and her husband did come up, however, in Ann Arbor whom they received a tax exemption."

Herbert said he was annoyed by the findings, as "this stuff just isn't right" and subsequently contacted Livonia attorney George Gostias and has filed a complaint with Wayne County Circuit Court regarding what he considers a fraudulent campaign and an attempt to deceive voters.

The complaint names the Wayne County Election Commission and Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett, and claims that Pagan is not qualified by state law to appear as a candidate for State Representative in the 21st House District because her primary residence is not in the required area.

State Rep. Christy Pagan

"In accordance with Michigan Law,

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Officer, EMTs arraigned in prisoner's death

The Westland Police sergeant charged with involuntary manslaughter in the death of a prisoner in custody has been fired.

Ronald Buckley, 54, was charged by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy last week along with two paramedics, Matt Discola, 30, and Leah Maynard, 26, in the death last December of William Marshall, 35, of Inkster.

The three were arraigned on the manslaughter charge and a charge of willful neglect of duty before Judge Mark Plawecki in the 20th District Court in Dearborn Heights last week. The involuntary manslaughter charge is a felony with a 15-year maximum sentence while the neglect of duty charge carries a 5-year maximum sentence. Each was given a $50,000 personal bond at the arraignment.

Discola and Maynard are no longer employed with the Westland Fire Department and Buckley was terminated last week following the completion of an internal departmental investigation, according to a prepared statement from the police department.

Ronald Buckley

Matt Discola

Leah Maynard

The three are accused of failing to provide medical care to Mr. Marshall who was arrested at 6:28 a.m. Dec. 10, 2017 when cocaine and marijuana were found in his possession during a traffic stop. According to police reports, Marshall told officers he had not ingested any drugs at the time of his arrest.

Marshall went into convulsions in the Westland jail at 7:51 a.m., according to the prosecutor's report, and the paramedics called to the scene. Neither paramedic intervened or took Mr. Marshall's vital signs when they arrived at 8:01 a.m. According to the prosecutor, Mr. Marshall was dragged from the cell into a hallway while having convulsions and repeatedly asking for help. He was placed, convulsing, back into the cell at 8:07 and Buckley dismissed the paramedics at 8:10 a.m., according to the charging documents. At approximately 8:27, Buckley observed Mr. Marshall still having convulsions but failed to seek help for him as he left the cell at 8:30 a.m.

When Buckley observed Mr. Marshall not moving at 9:27, he and another officer dragged him into the hallway and attempted CPR, according to reports, and used a defibrillator. At 9:39 a.m. the paramedics returned to the jail and transported Mr. Marshall to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. Mr. Marshall's cause of death was determined to be cocaine toxicity, according

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Canton to receive $750,000 in road funds

Canton Township will receive an additional $750,000 from Wayne County to be used for repair and maintenance of crumbling neighborhood roads.

The funds, bringing the Canton Township critical impact on a fairer formula for distribution in the recently approved Wayne County budget.

In the previous budget cycle, Canton Township received $381,888. This fiscal year, Canton will see an increase of more than $369,000 for a total allocation of $750,000. Since taking office in 2015, Tarone has been a strong advocate for additional neighborhood road funding to repair neighborhood roads in his district.

"Our local neighborhood roads are the last in line when it comes to road repairs. With limited funding from the state and federal government for major county roads, our neighborhood roads are left in the hands of our private homeowners to repair through special assessments which may be more than they can afford," Barone said.

"The last thing I want is to have one of my constituents forgo paying for food or medicine because he or she is forced to pay for a special assessment that they never signed up for. I am very pleased that we were able to work with Executive Evans and his staff to bring much needed funding to our neighborhood roads.

"It will not fix all of Canton's subdivision streets, but it sure is a welcome addition to our fourth consecutive balanced budget," he added. "Anytime we can bring funding back to our community, I am happy and feel that I have done well for the people who put me in office."

"Making all of our Wayne County communities an attractive place to live, work and raise a family has been a top priority of my administration since the day I was elected," Evans said. "I am happy to partner with Commissioner Barone to provide some much needed relief for Canton Township and the other heavily-populated townships. With the cooperation from our federal and state elected leaders, we will continue to strive for realistic and reasonable solutions to fix our statewide infrastructure problems."

Barone, R-Plymouth Township, represents District 10, which covers Canton Township, Plymouth Township and the city of Plymouth.

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Canton

Like an Eagle

Scout installs owl houses in Canton parks

Evan McKimmy is an Eagle who is helping owls thrive.

Thanks to McKimmy, an influx of owls can be found in Canton parks taking advantage of several new houses built and installed by McKimmy as part of his final Eagle Scout project.

McKimmy, a 15-year-old Canton resident, completed the installation of 15 owl houses in several parks across Canton in late spring this year. The Salem High School student enlisted his fellow scouts in Troop #854, based in St. Michael's Lutheran Church of Canton, to assist in building and placing the owl houses in the open green spaces.

Visitors can see McKimmy's owl houses tucked into wooded areas in Heritage Park, Independence Park, Griffin Park, Fiodin Park, Barchester Park, Freedom Park, and the Lower Rouge River Trail.

"The entire project lasted eight months," McKimmy said. "This included planning, fundraising, building and eventually placing the houses." In order to gain access to Canton parks, McKimmy was required to present his idea to his troop and to the Canton Leisure Services Advisory Committee for approval.

"It never was stressful (presenting my project to the committee)," McKimmy said. "Everyone at the Canton Leisure Services Department was really supportive and inviting."

McKimmy, who has been a Scout since kindergarten, said he learned a few lessons during the project - about both owls and leadership.

"I learned that owl houses needed to be set at a certain height as well as a certain distance away from each other so the owls have adequate feeding territories," he said.

He also learned what owls are native to the Canton area and what type of houses they need.

"Barred Owls are larger owls and need larger houses. The Eastern Screech Owls, on the other hand, are smaller and utilize smaller dwellings."

McKimmy thanked his fellow troop mates for their help getting the project done. Leadership, he said he learned, isn't always about being 'the boss.'

"What I learned was not to be too over controlling," McKimmy said. "Always being a control freak is never good. It's better to be more of a friendly leader."

John McKimmy, Evan's father, is proud his son completed the project. He is even happier that Evan made a positive contribution to his hometown.

"Boy Scouts has done a lot for (Evan's) leadership abilities," John McKimmy said. "This Eagle Scout project had more than eight-years-worth of work behind it."

For additional information on how to submit an Eagle Scout project for consideration, contact the Canton volunteer coordinator at (734) 394-5191. For more information about Canton Parks, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5310.

Canton resident Evan McKimmy, 15, stands below one of the 15 owl houses he constructed and placed throughout several Canton parks as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Challenge

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your homestead is the place where you have your permanent home. You can only have one homestead," the complaint states.

Tax records show that Pagan and her husband purchased the home in Ann Arbor July 1, 2016 for $450,000 and the couple received a Homestead Exemption on the Ann Arbor home on Aug. 25, 2016.

Pagan disputes that claim and says that she has always claimed Canton as her primary residence on her taxes. She said that this claim is "a completely ridiculous Republican attack."

"I've always claimed Canton as my primary residence on my taxes," she said. This is baseless and misleading."

"My client is deeply offended that his state representative, Kristy Pagan, does not live the district she claims to represent. In 2016 she purchased a home in Ann Arbor.

"She claimed a Homestead Tax Exemption on her Ann Arbor home, saving her more than $2,300 per year; all while claiming to still live in Canton. She has committed perjury and defrauded the people of Michigan," Gostias said.

The complaint is requesting that votes for Pagan not be counted in the Nov. 6 election as she is not a qualified candidate under state election law.

"I know it is too late to have her name removed from the ballot," Herbert said, "but I don't think votes for her should count. Her campaign is fraudulent and I think she is guilty of perjury by lying on her campaign filing documents. She lives in Ann Arbor."

Pagan, according to her website, moved back to Canton in 2011 and started her own business "dedicated to civic and community engagement."

In addition, she worked at Wayne State University Law School.

Pagan serves on the Canton Community Foundation Board of Directors and the Advisory Council for the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) program at Canton High School. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Michigan Youth in Government program, and serves as a mentor for the "Lead Like a Girl" initiative in Canton, according to the website.

No hearing date on the complaint had been set at press time.

"Joe Barone is a great father to our two daughters, Olivia & Isabelle, he's my law partner in our Plymouth law office, and he's also my former husband. Joe loves our Plymouth-Canton community, and is dedicated to continuing to make it the best place to live for all of us! Joe is honest, intelligent and hard-working, and he understands and has proven that true dedication to our community takes years of community involvement. I kindly ask that you vote for Joe Barone on November 6th so that he can continue to work for us as our Wayne County Commissioner."

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Hope Not Handcuffs

Romulus police join program offering help for addictions

The Romulus Police Department has committed to participate in the "Hope Not Handcuffs" program.

"Hope Not Handcuffs" is an initiative started by Families Against Narcotics, aimed at bringing law enforcement and community organizations together in an effort to find viable treatment options for individuals seeking help to reduce dependency with heroin, prescription drugs, and alcohol.

One of the primary goals is to remove the stigma of addiction and make it easier for individuals to get into treatment. The explosion of opioid-related deaths impacting the nation, as well as Metro Detroit communities, prompted community members to seek solutions, and the Prawn-based Families Against Narcotics created Hope Not Handcuffs.

The program allows an individual who needs aid for substance abuse dependency to come to the police station for help without fear of being arrested. Romulus police officers will not ask questions, but rather contact a coordinator who will dispatch an "Angel" to the Romulus police station where the two can meet. The Angel will talk with the individual and assist finding them appropriate treatment. Angels are specially trained volunteers who aid with paperwork and support.

"Anyone struggling with drug addiction will be able to come into the Romulus Police Department and ask for help with their addiction. Officers will gather preliminary information, provide a waiting space, and contact a Hope Not Handcuffs Angel coordinator," explained Romulus Police Chief Jadie Settles."

To date, with more than 30 police agencies participating, more than 900 people have been moved into treatment, Settles said.

The Romulus Police Department is committed to "Hope Not Handcuffs" and believe it is an important piece in the overall battle against heroin and opioid addiction, Settles added.

For more information and to volunteer as a Hope Not Handcuffs volunteer, contact a coordinator at 833-202-HOPE (833-202-4673) or visit www.hope not handcuffs.com.

Sumpter Township ballot will include write-ins

Voters in Sumpter Township will have several choices for elected officials with some familiar names not on the ballot Nov. 6.

Competing for election as Sumpter Township trustee will be Jennifer Price, Tim Rush and Andrew Slovik.

Sheena Barnes who was appointed to the position did not file for election to the board but is seeking the office of township clerk.

Price, 45, said she is not actively campaigning for election.

Rush, 61, a Republican, is a 30-year Sumpter Township resident and served on the board of trustees in 2004.

He is a licensed Federal Communications Commission engineer and currently works as a corporate/private security consultant. He has previously served on the township zoning board of appeals and was recently appointed to the planning commission. He also volunteers with the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission.

Slovik is a Realtor who is has lived in the township for a year and in the Belleville area for 25 years. He is a 1997 graduate of Belleville High School. This is his first bid for office.

Voters will also choose between Barnes, currently serving as a trustee, and Esther Hurst, as township clerk on the Nov. 6 ballot.

Barnes is seeking the clerk's position as a write-in candidate after being eliminated during the primary election.

Hurst won the Democratic primary election for clerk and her name will be on the Nov. 6 ballot. She worked for the township for 30 years before being appointed to the office.

Vying for the office of township treasurer will be Ken Badmark, 62, who defeated two challengers in the primary election.

He will be challenged, however, by Peggy Morgan, 59, who had been appointed to the office after 12 years as a Sumpter Township trustee. She will seek election as a write in candidate.

Library summer reading program draws adults, children

More than 250 adults and children joined the Summer Reading Program at the Romulus library this year.

According to Jessica Wilhoite, assistant director/youth services librarian, 272 readers participated in the program, an increase of 31.25 percent from last year. She said than 877 people attend programs at the library this summer, too, an increase of 56.17 percent from last year.

Summer reading is important to the learning development of children/teens because it keeps them engaged in reading while school is not in session, Wilhoite explained. Summer Reading Programs are a significant factor in improving reading skills and preventing the loss of learning during the summer months, also known as "summer slide".

According to schoollibraryjournal.com, "...children who read at least six books during the summer maintained or improved their reading skills, while children who didnt read any saw their skills slip by as much as an entire grade level." Studies show that children who participate in Summer Reading Programs also have higher test scores than those who do not participate.

"Wings Financial Credit Union was the main sponsor this year," Wilhoite said, "and we could not have pulled off our summer programming without their generous monetary donation. We are extremely grateful to everyone who donated to our Summer Reading Program and give special thanks to the Huron Township Rotary for their donation, Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers for donating passes for free ice cream and to Zap Zone for providing bookmarks that allow kids a free attraction and one of our grand prizes - a free birthday party.

"More thanks to the Henry Ford, Midway Sports and Entertainment, and the Detroit Zoo for donating awesome prizes for participating in summer reading."

Wilhoite also said that a special thanks was due the Friends of the Library for donating ice cream and giving out free books at the kickoff event. She said she also appreciated the help from the Romulus Police and Fire departments, the many volunteers who helped make the Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival a success, and the Romulus Athletic Center for hosting the finale party.

"We were fortunate to receive three grants from the Michigan Council For Arts that helped fund Baffling Bill, Lori Fithian's 'Drumnunity' and Beverly Meyer, aka 'The Music Lady'. Other performers this summer included, magician Cameron Zvara, Exotic Zoo, and Yo-Yo Tricks," she said.

Nickel Dig is Saturday

As part of the annual Belleville Harvest Festival, the Belleville Area Historical Museum will be open from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

The Nickel Dig is planned for 2 p.m.

For more information about this free event, call (734)697-1944.

The Belleville Area Museum is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville.

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WAYNE – WESTLAND

District leaders explain need for bond vote

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

> *We do have tremendous support. I think, with our community and our staff.*

Leaders of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools are getting the word out on an upcoming Tuesday, Nov. 6, bond proposal vote which would levy 4.46 mills for the school district based on each $1,000 State Equalized Value of a home.

"We were able to refinance the amount to give our taxpayers a break," said Jenny Johnson, district director of communications. The money, if the bond is approved by voters, will be used for needed building repairs, with a calculator on the district website at www.wwesd.net to enter a home value to determine the amount the owner will pay.

Johnson displayed video on her phone of recent rainstorm damage inside Marshall Upper Elementary School. Noted Maria Mitter, district supervisor for Family and Community Engagement, the cost of a roof on an elementary school building is some $500,000 while a middle school roof replacement runs about $750,000.

Johnson stresses there will be no school closings in the 2019-20 school year, with at least a year needed to assess and design buildings with staff input. The 2020-21 school year or the following is the earliest for closure, with plans for an not yet known middle school as well as two elementary schools.

Both Mitter and Johnson stress no high school will close. They encourage voters and staff to attend forums and ask questions, and are addressing some inaccurate information posted on social media.

At least 100 community meetings have taken place, they said, and the Western Wayne County NAACP has hosted voter registration drives recently at Wayne Memorial High School, John Glenn High School, Tinkham, an alternative school, and Hicks Elementary.

Polls will be open for voting 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, and absentee ballots were just mailed. Johnson noted for senior citizen voters district leaders are talking to Realtors who say safe, successful schools improve community-wide property values.

She agreed of older voters "it's a little harder for them to possibly see the value."

The Wayne-Westland bus fleet is still passing Michigan State Police inspections, but Mitter noted 89 percent of the bus fleet needs to be replaced.

Wayne-Westland is leasing school buses and borrowing them from other school districts.

The district transports via bus 9,000 of its 11,000 students back and forth daily. "They're passing inspections, but they're tired," Mitter said of school buses.

"People are always shocked by the cost of things, roofs, boilers," said Mitter, noting some $250,000 needed to buy a boiler. The average boiler in district buildings is 45-years-old, and despite good maintenance nearly all need to be replaced.

Schools will also, if voters approve the measure, be retrofitted for safety so all building visitors enter through the building administration office.

Air conditioning is also on tap pending voter approval, with Mitter noting asthma is a common student problem that air conditioning will help address.

Internet connectivity is also covered in the bond plan. The current brick buildings impede that, Johnson noted.

If approved on Nov. 6, plans are to down the road add a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math building. The grade levels for that arent yet known as the Instruction Department would need to develop curriculum. Dr. Shelley Holt, superintendent of schools, who came from a school leadership role in California, has done that with several school buildings, and it would repurpose a closed Wayne-Westland school.

Johnson and Mitter see Wayne-Westland staff support of the measure.

"They will be involved in the design process if the bond passes," Mitter said of teachers. "Teachers recognize it rains in their classroom. And we're coming to them" for information.

Shelley Holt

Johnson went through a Wayne-Westland school closing some 10 years ago as a mom, and agreed it's often harder on adults than students. The district, pending voter OK, will celebrate the last full school year "to honor that building history," said Mitter, adding children will move with their friends.

"We do have tremendous support, I think, with our community and our staff," said Mitter. The money can, if approved by district voters, only be used for capital projects, not salaries, textbooks or curriculum.

Council OK's school officer

The liaison officer at John Glenn High School will remain at his post for another year.

Last week, members of the Westland City Council approved the extension of the annual agreement between the City of Westland and Wayne-Westland Community Schools to provide match funding for the Police Officer Liaison position at the high school for the 2018-2019 school year.

The agreement, which splits the cost of the officer between the city and the school district, was first implemented in 2007. Westland Police Ofc. Joseph Reardon will fill the position.

Reardon has served on the Westland Police Department for 7 years. He is a mental health and first aid instructor as well as a member of the Honor Guard.

"The police liaison officer interacts daily with students and provides opportunities to build positive relationships throughout the school and assist in removing the negative stigma associated with law enforcement," commented Wayne-Westland Superintendent of Schools Dr. Shelley Holt.

"This school year we are beginning the process of training our educators and liaison officer in restorative justice to assist in building relationships that support our students and our school district which help support a strong community. We are fortunate to work closely with the City of Westland to provide this liaison officer program in our district and community," she said.

"Liaison officers are responsible for ensuring the safety of students and staff both during school hours and at special events," commented Major William R. Wild. "One of the most important duties of a liaison officer is to help build a trust between students and law enforcement, which allows law enforcement to intercept problems before they escalate."

Joseph Reardon

Charges

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to the prosecutor.

Westland Mayor William R. Wild expressed his condolences to the family of Mr Marshall and vowed that such an incident would not happen again. Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik and Fire Chief Michael Stradtner each expressed their sympathy to Mr. Marshall's family and said that since the incident policies and procedures in each department had been carefully reviewed to ensure that such an incident would not occur. Both departments also instituted added training, according to a prepared statement, to ensure the safety of prisoners.

"We are fully committed to ensure that nothing like this ever happens again," Wild said.

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CANTON - INKSTER

Sale of Legends holiday raffle tickets begins

Each year, the Inkster Legends provides gifts and food for 100 families in need in Inkster.

Halloween may be approaching but Inkster Legends Founder and Director Fred Smiley is concentrating his efforts on Christmas.

Each year, the Inkster Legends provides gifts and food for 100 families in need in Inkster. The group has been providing the help for families for seven years and volunteers are already selling raffle tickets for the drawing that supports the help for Inkster families.

Each raffle ticket is priced at $10 and offers a chance to win one of three grand prizes; an autographed basketball from the Harlem Globetrotters along with four tickets to a game or four tickets to the Detroit Pistons game against the Toronto Raptors on March 17 or four tickets to the Universoul Circus in Detroit.

Prizes this year include a weekend stay at the Sheraton Hotel including breakfast; four tickets to the Henry Ford Museum; a Birthday Party Blast for 13 at the Romulus Athletic Center; a weekend stay at the Marriott Hotel; two packs of fun from Fairway Meats; two tickets to a Music Hall performance; two ReNue teeth whitening packages at CherryHill Dental; dinner for two at along with other prizes from Texas Roadhouse; dinner for two at Urban Soul; dinner for two at Famous Ford Garage; dinner for two at They Say and dinner for two at Red Lobster.

Smiley said there will be a bonus drawing this year for a Sunday soul food dinner for two at the Stardust Lounge.

The drawing will take place at the Sheraton Hotel at 6 p.m. Dec. 18, Smiley said, and winners do not have to be present to claim their prizes.

Smiley stressed that this raffle is the main fundraiser for the Christmas giveaway which helps local families.

"We couldn't do it without all those who donate the prizes," he said, "we're very thankful for all the support for all these years."

To purchase tickets for the raffle, call Smiley at (734) 890-2478, Daniel Orr at (313)715-0700 or Larry Spencer at (313)620-8144.

To subscribe to The Eagle call 734-467-1900.

Rest stop to be razed

The rest stop at Interstate 275 between the Michigan Avenue and Ford Road exits in Canton Township will be closed by the State of Michigan next month.

Representatives from the Michigan Department of Transportation announced that the closure will last the entire month and will take place Nov. 14 due to budget constraints.

"The estimated cost to replace the building is $1.1 million to $1.5 million, plus the continued costs for maintenance, safety and security," MDOT said in a statement. "These costs combined amount to two to three times the typical operating costs of other rest areas."

The decision to tke the rest stop will be barricaded, according to state officials, and the building will be demolished and the parking lot and walkways removed and replaced with grass although the scales and truck parking area will remain open for the use of law enforcement.

The bike trail nearby will not be affected and will remain open to cyclists, officials said.

Inkster man killed in home

Michigan State Police are investigating the death of a 41-year-old man shot in his Inkster home last Tuesday.

According to police, the shooting occurred at about 11:55 p.m. Oct.6 in the 1400 block of Cornelius Street in Inkster. Police said it appeared that early investigation indicated that two people walked up to the victim's home and shot him through a window. The victim suffered one gunshot wound to the chest. He was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced dead. Police have asked anyone with information to contact (734) 287-5000.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 25, 2018 for the following:

VIDEO SERVER AND PLAYBACK EQUIPMENT

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org or by e-mail request Mike Shepherd at 734.994.5225. All bids must be submitted on the bid form provided with the specifications, and shall be completed, sealed, addressed, and identified with the name and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
Notice of a Public Hearing
October 29, 2018

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m.** on **Monday, October 29, 2018** for the purpose of considering the following: RZ-2018-001/SUP-2018-003, **GFL-NPR Recycling Center Conditional Rezoning and Special Land Use** located at 30880 Smith (Parcel ID #80-042-99-0068-000, #80-042-99-0069-001, #80-042-99-0066-703, #80-042-99-0066-702).

1. A conditional rezoning application to rezone 10.37 acres from M-1, Light Industrial and RC, Regional Center to M-2, General Industrial; and
2. A special land use application for an indoor and outdoor recycling operation.

The conditional rezoning and special land use are requested to continue the paper recycling operation and to add scrap metal recycling and storage yards.

The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1483. A copy of the proposed rezoning is available in the Planning Department during regular business hours - Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Questions may be addressed to Jeff Shaw, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1483 or at 734-955-4530.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
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ACCESS NOTICE

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not exclude anyone qualified individual with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

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Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of the Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5240 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any actions that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brocklehurst, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5240.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 24, 2018
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Barb Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk
18-222 M. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the agenda as amended. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
18-223 PA. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 10, 2018 – Public Hearing. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
18-224 PR. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 10, 2018 – SAFER Grant (open session). **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
1. Petitioner
4. Chairperson's Report
Chairperson Barden spoke about the Pumpkin Festival. Mr. Barden read a resolution recognizing Mr. and Mrs. Cofield on their 50th wedding anniversary. Councilman Wadsworth complimented Jazmine Dunci, Chuck Lindenmuth, and Emsey Long on the fine job they did working on the Parade of Lights. Councilman Wadsworth also expressed the need for volunteers in order to have bingo games at next year's Pumpkin Festival. Pastor Bob Harper of Ball Road Tabernacle spoke about the church's 60th Anniversary. Dawn and Brenda Snyder informed about their new restaurant on Goddard Rd. – "Chain to the Bone".
18-225 SA. Moved by **Williams,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a resolution to recognize Frances Amanda Skow-Gaertz. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
18-226 SA. Moved by **Williams,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
5. Mayor's Report
Mayor Burcroff introduced DDA Director, Merrie Dreyer, who spoke about the Pumpkin Festival festivities. Fire Chief Dennis Krause, spoke about the Fire Prevention Week and introduced the coordinator of the Schoolcraft College cadet program who expounded on the fact that other cities are partnering their cadet programs after the City of Romulus. Mayor Burcroff then introduced Fire Cpt. of Romulus Fire Cadets. Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.
18-227 SA. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and extend Bid Award 16-17-02 with Zones Inc. for the acquisition of computer hardware, software and software licensing for the City of Romulus' Technology Department Infrastructure for an additional year (to expire June 16, 2019) **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
18-228 SA. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and amend the four-year contract with Lawrence Lee, Inc., originally awarded on April 11, 2016, Resolution #16-151 for the printing of water bills, to Lee, Inc., with the revised contract price of $0.25 each (additional $4,125 annually) **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. Nays – Abdo. **Motion Carried.**
18-229 SC. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to authorize payment to SEMCOG in the amount of $42,729.00. Said dues are for the period through June 15, 2019 through June 15, 2019 **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
18-230 SB. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a resolution to adopt Morgan Stanley/Lincoln Financial 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for City employees. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** –Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None.Abstain – Wadsworth. **Motion Carried.**
18-227. SC. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-10 to transfer the remaining reimbursable grant balances from the 17/18 budget into the current 18/19 budget.

FUND/DEPT. (ACCOUNT NO).	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Community Development Block Grant				
Revenue				
287-000-488.100	Grant Revenue - Federal	253,540	31,822	285,362
Expense				
252-000-431.017	Gen Admin 17-24-21A	-	7,758	7,758
252-000-444.017	Senior Services 17-24-05A	-	5,211	5,211
252-000-448.016	Park/Rec Facilities 16-24-13F	-	782	782
252-000-887.016	Economic Dev 16-24-15A	-	2,410	2,410
252-000-887.017	Economic Dev 17-24-14F	84,470	15,661	100,131

To transfer the remaining reimbursable grant balances from the 17/18 budget into the current 18/19 budget. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
18-231. SF. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-11 to transfer the Assistance to Firefighter Grant revenue and corresponding expense for the Fire Prevention Grant accepted by City Council on August 27, 2018 (Res. # 18-291).

FUND/DEPT. (ACCOUNT NO).	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Revenue				
101-336-501.044	Assistance to Firefighter Grant	-	23,334	23,334
Expense				
101-336-818.336	Contractual Services - AFG	1,666	23,334	25,000

To recognize the Assistance to Firefighter Grant revenue and corresponding expense for the Fire Prevention Grant accepted by City Council on August 27, 2018 (Res # 18-291). Note: This has no impact to the General Fund's fund balance. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
***6A1.** Deleted from agenda.
18-232 SA2. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee to approve the following excess city-owned parcel to be re-listed with Metro Realty: The following parcel approved to be sold to Metro Realty: 80-014-01-0174-000 aka 6052 Ecorse Rd. – Sold for $5,000 as approved by City Council on October 23, 2017 via Resolution 17-310. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
18-240 SA2. (6). Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee to approve excess city-owned parcels to be listed for sale with Metro Realty (following demolition by Realty Transition LLC in accordance with the 2017 "Development Agreement"). The listing agreement shall provide that the sale is subject to Council approval:
80 05 99 0007 000 aka 6578 Washington
80 05 99 0008 300 aka 6620 Park Place
80 044 01 0495 000 aka 7331 Kenya
80 049 99 0002 000 aka 28501 Beech
Motion Carried Unanimously.
18-241 SA2. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the sale of Parcel 80 05 99 0033 000, vacant residential land located on Vinewood to Ky Shindo for the full listing price of $6,000. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
18-242 SA4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to approve first reading of the Romulus DDA Downtown Development Authority Tax Increment Financing Plan. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried.**
18-243 SA5. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to schedule a public hearing on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. to hear comments regarding ACTIA Enterprises Inc. request for a new IFT Exemption Certificate at 15385 Pine, Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
18-244 SA6. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Talley** to schedule a public hearing on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. to hear comments regarding Kerr Corporation request for a new IFT Exemption Certificate at 28200 Wick Road, Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
18-245 SA7. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to schedule a study session on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Romulus Police Department. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
6B. Treasurer's Report
7. Public Comment
The treasurer of the AFA Organization read a letter of thank you to Councilman Williams for her contributions to the AFA. The AFA 50th anniversary celebration. Ian Lamoreo, Cantuary Board of Trustees Chairperson, announced that the YFW is closing its doors permanently and will auction off its contents on Nov. 3, 2018 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. to help replace the money that was stolen from them in a recent burglary at the YFW Hall. Reviewed Talley spoke about Romulus Community Schools.
8. Unfinished Business
Councilman Wadsworth asked if water testing results are available for residents to view and Mayor Burcroff informed that water testing results are public information.
9. New Business
10. Communication
Councilwoman Williams spoke about the Romulus Community Schools. Councilwoman Talley spoke about City events.
18-246 TI. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 18-18 in the amount of $2,186,257.10. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
18-247 TI. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 24, 2018.

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Plymouth

Growth spurt

Plymouth Library continues to expand services

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Carol Souchock has had a very busy five years at the Plymouth District Library.

Souchock became the library director in October 2013 just as construction at the Main Street facility in downtown Plymouth was being planned and then completed.

While Souchock grew up in Dearborn, she has fond childhood memories of Plymouth.

"We would come to Plymouth and we would go to the Ice Festival. We would eat at the Mayflower," she recalled. She liked the Little Professor on the Park bookstore then on Main Street, the hot air balloon rides – and especially the Plymouth library.

"Starting as a child, we would come here and go for that Sunday drive," she noted, recalling cornfields then between Dearborn and Plymouth. "It was like going out for a country drive. I realized what a special community it was."

"I was coming to see this amazing facility," she said of the 223 S. Main building, which opened in the spring of 1998 as a replacement for earlier and smaller library buildings on the site.

"I thought I was going to be an archivist initially," Souchock said, "but really have passion for libraries and public service."

Souchock was a city department head in Adrian, serving as the Adrian Public Library director for nearly eight years.

Both Adrian and Plymouth have a strong sense of community and support arts, she's found. "Everything is just magnified here, just the wide range of programming that's being offered," she said of the two cities.

Her undergraduate work at the University of Michigan-Dearborn focused on history. She holds a master of library and information science degree from Wayne State University, as well as an archival administration certificate.

She calls Plymouth Township home and serves on the Plymouth Noon Rotary board of directors. Souchock also co-chairs that Rotary Four-Way Essay Contest committee with Tony Brusculo, an annual youth writing contest.

"Our focus is getting outside the doors of the library," Souchock said of recent library strategic planning. An example is periodic distribution of comic books for children at the Saturday Plymouth Farmers Market in a library booth.

She doesn't believe that books are giving way to electronics.

"It's a fallacy. What's happening is the format is changing." That includes large print, audio, e-books and the traditional print books that line the shelves.

"Certainly the use of libraries has changed," she said, "but the book is the anchor of our services and will continue to be."

She noted great community partnerships, such as the Bosch Community Fund to help STEAM, or science, technology, engineering, arts and math education. The Plymouth library partners with the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council to help English as a second language learners and others.

She and the staff focus on expanding services, with Souchock glad the construction of the past couple years is done. She praises her staff for flexibility and meeting patron needs throughout, noting it inconvenienced many.

"Libraries are lively, active community places," she said. "We have 1,000 visitors a day and for all different reasons," she said. Souchock added that she appreciates both her dedicated staff of 70 and a perpetual millage that voters approved.

"I think people would be surprised to learn that running a library is running a big business. There's a lot of responsibility," she said, noting the library annual budget of about $3.8 million.

She touts an eclipse program at the number or addresses above.

Serving the Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County area since 1964, Plymouth Community United Way addresses human service needs of individuals and families.

Plymouth District Library Director Carol Souchock said the bicycle repair station outside the front door of the facility is evidence that, "Libraries are lively, active community places."

at Plymouth Township Park that drew a crowd, along with Plymouth Fall Festival programs. Of neighboring libraries and their welcoming directors, Souchock said, "We share resources and we learn from each other."

That includes interloan of materials through The Library Network, which she calls "something of an equalizer."

She said she is excited about the next six months, "just doing everything we can do to provide information," even services not yet asked for. "And that comes through the passion of our staff and the community," she said.

Her passion includes reading mysteries including authors Robert Parker, Tom Clancy, and books on history and sports, both fiction and nonfiction. She said she also enjoys author Dorothea Benton-Frank's books on the Carolinas, which Souchock has visited.

Souchock is also a Plymouth Historical Museum vice president, another partnership she likes. She said she is also proud of the bike repair station outside the library front door, near the bicycle rack.

"That bike repair station is kind of cool," she said. "I think about babies, bikes and dogs, when I think about this community," she added with a chuckle.

Make A Difference Day seeking area volunteer help

Plymouth Community United Way is seeking volunteers to help make a difference in the community.

The annual Make a Difference Day will take place on Saturday, Nov. 17 this year and the community group is hoping to provide enough volunteers to rake leaves and provide light outdoor labor for senior citizens and those with disabilities in both Plymouth and Canton.

Volunteers will be helping to provide fall clean-up in both communities. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast at Plymouth First United Methodist Church. After breakfast, teams will head out to homes in the community.

Volunteers are asked to register with Erica Garbacz by Oct. 26 at (734) 453-6879 x5 or erica.garbacz@pcuw.org or online at www.plymouthunitedway.org/differenceday2018.

Garbacz said the event is perfect for families, youth groups, local companies, "or just about anyone. Come with friends, or alone-we will match you with a great group of hardworking team members."

Volunteers younger than 18 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers should be prepared to bring rakes, gloves and other yard tools if available. United Way will supply lawn bags secured through grants and donations.

Those older than 65 or who are disabled and could benefit from the free service, can contact Garbacz at to register

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Northville

Demolition of school meets city opposition

Plans to demolish Main Street School in downtown Northville and construct four or five luxury homes went awry during the regular city council meeting Oct. 1.

The Northville Public Schools board members have been accepting plans and bids to demolish the 81-year-old school building expected to sell for about $1.3 million. There have been multiple bids and plans for the site submitted by developers to the school officials. The current developer plans to erect four homes and reserve a portion of the land for parking for Old Village School, located next door to the site at 701 East Main St.

During the meeting, members of the council voted 5-0 to have city attorney Robert Marzano legally challenge the authority of the school district to demolish the school building without the approval of the Historic District Commission.

Superintendent of Northville Public Schools May Kay Gallagher argued that language in the Michigan Revised School Code and case law would exempt the district from the requirement of Historic Commission approval. She, and others, stressed that a prolonged legal batter between the city and the school district could continue for several years and be expensive for both entities.

She said that voting to litigate the matter would cause an undue financial hardship on both the school district and the city and that this development was overwhelmingly favored by the school community.

One resident reminded the council members that the possibility of the school building becoming an attractive nuisance like the Northville Psychiatric Hospital existed and the building could begin to draw curious trespassers.

Mayor Pro tem Nancy Darga agreed that spending tax money in legal battles was not desirable but noted that she had a passionate respect for historic districts. She urged the members of the historic commission to "give the school district a fair shake" and noted that just because something is historic, there are other factors to be considered in preservation.

Council President Ken Roth reminded the audience that the question was not whether Main Street School should be demolished but rather the issue of the authority of the Historic District Commission.

Young artists exhibit work

The Northville Art House will present the third annual Young Artist Juried Art Fair from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at The First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St.

More than 30 young artists, ranging in grades 2 - 12, will showcase their diverse artistic talents and be selling their original artwork during the one-day indoor fair. Featured work will include: acrylic, watercolor, illustrations, jewelry, mixed media, fiber art, photography and much more.

The Northville Strings Students will open the Art Fair with a performance from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase to support the First Presbyterian Youth Group Mission trip to Puerto Rico next July.

There is a suggested donation of $3 at the door to the Young Artist Juried Art Fair. Those younger than 12 are admitted at no cost.

Closing the event will be musical guest Neil Woodward, Michigan's Troubadour who will present a tour through Great Lakes with music and stories.

Tickets are on sale now to see Neil Woodward at the Northville Art House; $5 for those 14 and younger and $7 for adults. All proceeds go to help fund the Northville Art House outreach programs and events. Contact the Northville Art House for more information at (248) 344-0497 or go to http://northvilleartshouse.org/young-artist-art-fair-2018/

Jennie Wei, 13, displays some of her watercolors which will be for sale at the Northville Art House Young Artist Juried Art Fair.

Erik Daniel Brumley

Home invasion suspect arrested, charged

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Erik Daniel Brumley, 46, of South Lyon, in connection with the home invasion and an assault on a resident in Northville Township.

According to police reports, Northville Township officers responded to a 911 call at 5:54 a.m. Oct. 3 and a home alarm system at a residence in the 16900 block of Winchester Drive.

When officers arrived, the resident explained that he had heard noise in the home and went to investigate, discovering an unknown man in the home. The resident told officers that when he confronted the intruder, the suspect brandished a weapon and assaulted him, according to police reports. The resident told officers that he struggled with the intruder who dropped the weapon and then fled the scene.

Police said that investigation by the Northville Township police led to arrest of Brumley as a suspect in the incident.

Brumley has been charged with home invasion - first degree, three counts of attempted unlawful imprisonment and three counts of attempted kidnapping.

Brumley was arraigned on the charges Oct. 6, the 34th District Court in Romulus and his bond set at $1 million, cash, no 10 percent provision and no contact with the victims.

His next court appearance is scheduled for Oct. 19, at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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Calendar of events

Firefighters open 'Pumpkin Patch'

Plymouth Township firefighters of IAFF Local 1496 have opened their annual Pumpkin Patch and are selling pumpkins to generate funds for the local charity. Each year the firefighters work with charities like the Salvation Army and local schools to pinpoint area families in need. All of the proceeds are used for charity donations.

The pumpkin sale will continue through Halloween. Pumpkin Patches are located at Fire Station 1, located at 9911 N. Haggerty Road and Fire Station 3 at 13600 Beck Road in Plymouth. Firefighters ask visitors to park in the rear of Station 3 and in Township Hall lot behind Fire Station 1.

Donations from $5 to $10 are accepted for pumpkins that range in size from small to large.

For further information, contact Fire Station 1 @ (734) 354-3230.

Behind the Scene meetings set

Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex (PARC) will host "Behind the Scene" sessions from 6-7 p.m. every Thursday through Nov. 1. These gatherings are meant to be question and answer sessions where regarding the PARC project.

"Here is an opportunity for the Plymouth Community to get information regarding PARC first hand. I will be here every Thursday to answer all your questions so no one will leave misinformed," said Don Soenen, PARC board president.

Sessions will take place in the PARC Model Room located on the first floor of the facility, located at 650 Church St. in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 927-4090.

PARC is a 501(c)3 public charity, leading the effort to convert the historic Central Middle School and the 165 acres on which it stands, into an arts, education and recreation complex serving the greater Plymouth community.

City hosts Fall Festival

The City of Romulus will host a Fall Festival from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12 at Romulus Historical Park Pavilion, 11147 Hunt St.

Events include downtown hayrides, voting in the Scarecrow Contest, stories from the Romulus Historical Society along with a tour and treats.

There will be walking tacos, hot dogs and other concessions available for purchase and there will be face painting and apple decorating taking place.

Costumes are encouraged and participants should bring a bag for treats.

For more information, call (734) 942-7571.

Sponsors for the event include Wayne County Community College District, Wings Financial Credit Union, the Independent Fire Fighters Association and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

City hall exhibits artwork

Members of the Three Cities Art Club will exhibit art at the Westland Gallery at City Hall through Nov. 29. The Gallery is located in the west wing, to the left, when entering Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. The gallery is open during regular city hall office hours.

The exhibition will include original works done in watercolor, oil, acrylic, pencil, charcoal, pastel, airbrush, and photography. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. Purchase original art starting at $75. For further information, contact Marilyn Meredith at (313) 231-3939 or email mailtojameredith@wowway.com.

Spellbinder tells ghost stories

Eerie tales of horror and fright, goblins and ghouls will again enthrall and horrify audiences when the Canton Historical Society hosts the annual evening of Ghost Stories from 6-7:30 p.m. Oct. 13 in the Cady-Boyer Inn.

As has become a tradition, 35th District Court Judge Ronald Lowe will tell the scary stories, suitable for ages 8 and older. The barn is located in Preservation Park at 500 North Ridge Road.

Cider and two donuts are included with the ticket and will be available while supplies last.

Tickets are $5, are now on sale at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, the White Pole Barn at the Canton Farmers Market on Sundays, the Canton Historical Museum located at 1829 Canton Center Road, and at the door. All proceeds benefit the Canton Historical Society.

Children must be accompanied by an adult and parents are responsible for the ghost suggestions of those attending during this special event. For additional information, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

PARC hosts Showcase

The Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex (PARC) will present a Showcase of the Arts beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

The performances will feature The Michigan Philharmonic, Artistry Dance, Eden Arts Cooperative, Main Street Opera Theatre, The Mitten Theater, Arts District Choir.

There is a $15 suggested donation at the door, cash only.

The performance is collaboration between musicians, dancers and vocalists.

PARC is located at 650 Church St. in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 927-4090.

Great Pumpkin Festival set

Maybury Farm will host the 5th Annual Great Pumpkin Festival from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Oct. 13 and 14. The event features live music, delicious food, pumpkin-themed games and activities for kids, corn husk doll making and more. Highlights include pumpkin painting, bonfire and S'mores, children's costume contests, story time and sing-a-long, children's activity stage, beeswax candle making, and professional pumpkin carver John Angevine. The event will also feature performances by the High Street Band (Saturday), Steve Taylor (Saturday), Audrey Ray (Saturday), Vendetta Ride (Sunday), Kari Holmes (Sunday), and Todd Michael Band (Sunday). The Great Pumpkin Festival is the most popular event at the farm.

Corn Maze is open

Maybury Farm is hosting the famous Corn Maze as well as the U-Pick Pumpkin Patch.

The corn maze this year is 10 acres of cornstalks cut into a new design and theme– Farmers Feed Families. The full maze is 9-acres and is sure to challenge adults and children alike. The corn maze will take an estimated hour to complete and will include three games to play while winding way through. Those who complete the challenge can be entered to win prizes that will be awarded at the end of the season.

This year, a Kiddie Maze has been added and includes a children's "Finger Find" game. The Kiddie Maze will take an estimated 20 minutes to complete.

Call (248) 374-6280 for more information. The Maybury Farm Corn Maze is open on Fridays from 5 to 10 p.m., Saturdays from noon until 10 p.m. and from noon until 7 p.m. Sundays. The last wagon leaves for the maze one hour prior to close. The Corn Maze will be open through Oct. 28. Admission to the corn maze is $9 per person and includes farm admission and a tractor-drawn wagon ride to and from the field. Free admission is offered to children ages 2 and younger.

Admission to the Great Pumpkin Festival is $7 per person and includes farm admission or, for $10 per person guests can enjoy the festival, corn maze with wagon ride, and farm admission. Children 2 and younger receive free admission to the Great Pumpkin Festival.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. To learn more about all of the autumn activities at the farm, visit www.mayburyfarm.org.

Parking is free and visitors should enter at the Maybury Farm sign, not the state park entrance.

Secretary of State visits Westland library

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced that the Secretary of State Mobile Office will visit the Westland Library to serve area customers from noon until 4 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 15.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway.

"Our Mobile Office offers almost all of the services provided at a brick-and-mortar location, at your convenience and in your community," Johnson said. "Take this opportunity to renew your license plate tabs or driver's license, register to vote and much more."

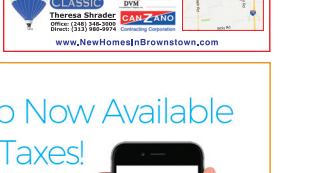
Other services offered by the Mobile Office include instant titles, address changes, and signing up on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. Residents can also ask questions about the elimination of Driver Responsibility Fees, including those who have associated debt or a related driver's license suspension.

Cash For College Raffle under way

The Northville Educational Foundation will host the drawing for $25,000 cash to use toward future tuition, current tuition or payment of student loans on Nov. 16.

Tickets for the raffle are now on sale at supportNEFcog.org and are prices at $50 each or three for $100. There will be a maximum of 1,500 tickets sold. If tickets sales total less than $50,000, the prize will revert to a 50-50 drawing.

The announcement of the winner will be made during the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony in downtown Northville.



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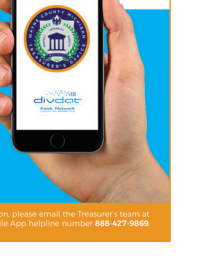

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to help devise a plan at the state level to curtail the opioid addiction that is claiming so many of our neighbors and family members. This is a national problem but our state health department should be tasked with helping the victims of this epidemic.

"While I have a Republican background, I believe in the people before politics. I will support effective solutions offered by either political party."

Darian Moore is a candidate who is NOT relying on funding from special interest groups, rather who is seeking elected office on his own merits to work for the people of his district. He owes NO political favors and is indebted to NO political party. He has pledged to work with all other elected legislators to solve the problems facing our state and our communities without party politics dictating his decisions.

"If elected, I will serve the people and I will never forget that serving the people is the job I am elected to do."

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to take his spirit of community and tireless volunteer work to Lansing to continue his proven problem solving ability. He has successfully served on boards and commissions including the Canton Cultural Commission; the Canton Roads Task Force; served as chairman of the Martin Luther King Day celebration; the Canton Public Safety Commission; The Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Plymouth/Canton Steelers Youth Football & Cheer organization.

Darian Moore and his wife, Rajynda, have lived in Canton for 20 years. They are the parents of three children, Kaitlyn, Darian II and Christina. They are co-owners of the Keller-Williams office in Plymouth.

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